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Connectivity Working Group

Economic Recovery Advisory Board

Working Group Weekly Progress Report

Please submit your report to [Joel Anderson](#) each Friday by 1:00 p.m. for distribution to the Economic Recovery Advisory Board.

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Working Group accomplishments/progress since last submitted report:

The Connectivity Working Group held it's first meeting on July 13th, 2020. The turn out was exceptional. Prior to the meeting members submitted 2-3 ideas about increasing broadband access in Iowa. The diverse responses ranging from telecommunications companies, to education leaders, and business leaders ahead of the meeting made for compelling conversation. A key point discussed in the meeting was how many potential projects in the state are "shovel ready."



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Working Group's current areas of focus, research, or activity. Also report any obstacles or issues:

In the meeting CIO Annette Dunn mentioned an RFP that had been written ahead of the meeting as a potential tool to have on hand given the short time frame the group has to meet and recommend how to administer the CARES money. The group voted unanimously to allow for work on the RFP to be completed and made public. Terms of the RFP were not discussed or disclosed in the meeting so as not to give undue advantage to service providers in the Working Group.

Working Group goals and actions for the coming week or weeks:

The Working Group is working to bring forward the RFP to garner interest from providers and gauge where potential areas of need will be. All of ideas and proposals are being divided into themes as they pertain to Recover, Stabilize, and Grow. Once this is done, subcommittees will be established in the next meeting.

Progress toward next meeting's milestone: ☐ Ahead of Schedule | ☒ On Schedule | ☐ Behind Schedule

Comments on progress or additional information to share with the advisory board (optional):

